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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN VIEWS ON ISLAMIC SUMMIT

1. SUMMARY: WHILE GOM HAS AGREED ATTEND ISLAMIC SUMMIT IF AND WHEN HELD, IT HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT USEFULNESS OF SUCH MEETING AND D IS RELUCTANT BECOME EMBROILED IN ARAB POLITICS. NEVERTHELESS, GOM OBLIGED CONTINUE GENERAL PRO-ARAB LINE AND LIKELY WILL IDENTIFY ITSELF WITH "CONSENSUQZ OF ISLAMIC SUMMIT IF ONE EMERGES. END SUMMARY.

2. BRIEF VISIT OF SPECIAL PAKISTANI ENVOY SARDAR GHAUS BAKASH RAISANI NOV 18-20 RESULTED IN GOM AGREEMENT ATTEND ISLAMIC CONFIDENTIAL

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